Decrease in research students in science fields

3248. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that every year there is a gradual decrease in the ratio of students that are going for research in various science fields after higher degrees;

(b) if so, the year-wise details of students that went into research for various fields throughout the country during the last three years;

(c) whether there is much scope for research after students obtain their higher degrees then the percentage of students opting for research after finishing their degrees; and

(d) what steps Government are willing to take to help more students going for research?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Implementation of carrier-oriented education

3249. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian education system does not equip students with skills and is not job-oriented;

(b) if so, whether Government have made vocational education a focus area and industry and corporate bodies have been roped in as part of the effort to provide education with vocational relevance; and

(c) whether Government have received any suggestions from the State Governments to implement carrier-oriented education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA) : (a) to (c) The existing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education at +2 level is being revised. Under the revised scheme the industry and user organizations will be